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NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED STORY OCT 13 THAT MINISTRY OF HOUSING IS CURRENTLY MAKING A SURVEY OF BOTH NUMBERS AND HOUSING FACILITIES OF THE BLACK HEBREW COMMUNITY IN DIMONA, ARAT, AND MITZPE RANON. THIS IS REPORTEDLY THE FIRST TIME THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS OFFICIALLY SHOWN INTEREST AND CONCERN IN THE STATUS OF THAT COMMUNITY. HISTADRUT SOURCES SPECULATED TO ENDOFF THAT THIS IS POSSIBLY THE RESULT OF THE COMBINATION OF THEIR REPEATED APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY AND RECENT PRESS STORIES OF US EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH THE SECT LEADERS. THE HISTADRUT HAS PROMISED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ASAP.
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